The cancellation of non-elected claims 8-17 which have been withdrawn from consideration is without prejudice to applicants' rights to pursue patent protection for the subject matter of these claims in a divisional application. Claims 23, 30, 33-37 and 40-44 are allowed. The remaining claims noted in said Office Action of June 20 which were rejected or which were withdrawn from consideration have been cancelled by the present Amendment. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance which is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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